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Director's Meeting

Friday, 16 May 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Becker, Hedden, [ ] 25X1

General Smith stated he had discussed the PSB matter with Mr. Staats yesterday and it had been agreed that (1) our comments would go forward to the President who, in turn, would refer them to the Bureau of the Budget; (2) any decision on this matter would be made by the DCI, Mr. Staats, and Admiral Souers. (Note: In accordance with the DCI's instructions, [ ] forwarded a copy of our comments to Mr. Staats.) 25X1

Mr. Dulles briefly reported on the discussion held at a meeting of the Council on Foreign Relations which he attended yesterday in New York.

Mr. Wisner:

25X1 a. Referred to the discussion at yesterday's Deputies' Meeting concerning  
25X1 [ ] and noted that [ ] had heard in New York that the FTC had sent  
25X1 their report to the President who, in turn, had asked for our comments. Mr.  
Wisner also noted that in [ ] conversation with [ ] he had followed the DCI's instructions to the letter. 25X1

b. Noted Ramon had won out in the Panamanian elections.

c. Stated that information had been received from [ ] indicating 25X1  
that Le Monde was now attempting to backtrack and get off the hook on the  
alleged "Fechteler Statement" [ ] 25X6  
[ ]

25X1 d. Stated he had discussed certain Latin American activities with [ ] 25X1  
25X1 [ ] who was quite concerned with Communist activities there,  
25X1 particularly [ ] and after some discussion the Director asked  
25X1 Mr. Wisner to advise [ ] that it was agreeable to us to coordinate our  
activities with [ ] in this area by contributing some funds, provided  
[ ] would furnish some of the talent.

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Mr. Becker reported on the discussions held at yesterday's NSC Senior Staff Meeting concerning the Berlin situation.

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